THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (CAPT. SATISH SHARMA): (a) to (d) The feasibility study for the proposed Iran-India has pipeline is in progress. The domestic network, Statewise distribution of the imported gas, the cost and date of completion of the project will be known only after the feasibility study is over.

फर्रुखाबाद, उत्तर प्रदेश के अन्तर्गत तिरूवा में एक गैस एजेंसी का खोला जाना

1205. **प्रो० राम बख्श सिंह वर्मा:** क्या **पेट्रोलियम और प्राकृतिक गैस** मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि:

(क) गत तीन वर्षों के दौरान देश में कुल कितनी गैस एजेंसियां स्थापित की गई और उनका राज्य-वार ब्यौरा क्या है;

(ख) क्या उत्तर प्रदेश में फर्रूखाबाद जिले के अन्तर्गत तिरुवा में एक रसोई गैस एजेंसी खोलने का प्रस्ताव सरकार के पास लंबित पड़ा है;

(ग) यदि हां, तो क्या सरकार चालू वर्ष में रसोई गैस एजेंसी स्वीकृत करने पर विचार कर रही है;

(घ) यदि हां, तो कब तक, और

(ङ) यदि नहीं, तो इसके क्या कारण हैं?

पेट्रोलियम और प्राकृतिक गैस मंत्रालय के राज्य मंत्री (कैप्टन सतीश शर्मा): (क) 1992-93, 1993-94 और 1994-95 के दौरान देशभर में 700 एल पी जी डिस्ट्रीब्यूटर चालू की गई है।

(ख) जी, नहीं।

(ग) और (घ) प्रश्न नहीं उठता।

(ङ) वर्तमान नीति के अनुसार एल पी जी डिस्ट्रीब्यूटरशिप, उत्पाद उपलब्धता और स्थान विशेष की आर्थिक व्यवहार्यता की शर्त पर 1991 की जनगणना के अनुसार 20,000 और अधिक की जनसंख्या वाले स्थानों पर चरणबद्ध ढंग से खोली जाती हैं। निम्न संभाव्यता के कारण तिरूआ, जिला फर्रुखाबाद (उत्तर प्रदेश) में एल पी जी डिस्ट्रीब्यूटरशिप खोलने का फिलहाल कोई प्रस्ताव नहीं है।

Criminal Politician Nexus

1206. SHRIMATI RENUKA CHOWDHURY:
SHRI CHIMANBHAI MEHTA:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the newsitem published in the 'Time of India' on 14th July, 1995 entitled as "Criminal politician nexus causes concern" and

(b) if so, what are the counter measures on legal, political and administrative plans?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI RAJESH PILOT): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Report of Vohra Committee established to take stock of all available information about the activities of crime Syndicates / Mafia organisation which had developed links with and were being protected by Govt. functionaries and political personalities has been laid on the Table of both the Houes on 01-08-1995. Based on the recommendations of the Committee a Nodal Group under the Chairmanship of Home Secretary has been constituted to collect and collate the information and to decide on the action that is required to be taken to ensure that the nexus of criminals with businessmen, politicians or bureaucrats is broken.

Supply of Fake LPG Cylinders

1207. SHRI V. NARAYANASAMY: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the news item published in 'The Times of India' dated the 14th July, 1995 under the caption "fake gas cylinder parts are freely sold" thereby causing fire in the households;

(b) whether Government apprehend the fake cylinder manufacturers responsible for such accidents; and

(c) if so, what steps Government are taking to stop circulation of fake cylinders?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (CAPT. SATISH SHARMA): (a) to (c) Yes, Sir. As per the Newsitem, the accident which occurred on 16.6.1995 at the residence of Smt. Sushila Devi, Dakshin Puri, New Delhi, was investigated and it was revealed that the accident took place due to defective rubber tube. There has been no evidence of any leakage from the gas cylinder. As regards the second accident involving Smt. Meenu and Ms. Anjali, it was due to a petromax fitted with 5 kg. cylinder purchased from the local market, as Public Sector Oil Companies do not market 5 kg. cylinders.

To check the entry of spurious LPG cylinders in the marketing system, Oil Companies carry out elaborate quality control checks on each cylinder at bottling plants before the same is despatched to LPG distributors. LPG distributors are also under instructions to deliver only sound, correct-weight cylinders to the customers and to sell only ISI mark accessories.

ANNOUNCEMENT RE: CONSTITUTION OF RAILWAY WAGONS COMMITTEE

MR. CHAIRMAN: Hon. Members, may I recall that on the 2nd August, 1995, the House had asked me to constitute a Committee of the Council to examine the issues of procurement of railway wagons? In furtherance of the decision of the House, I hereby announce the constitution of a Committee.

The Committee shall be called the Railway Wagons Committee.

It shall examine all the aspects relating to the procurement of the railway wagons.

The Committee shall consist of 15 Members. I nominate the following Members of Rajya Sabha to serve on the said Railway Wagons Committee, namely:—

1. Shri K. Rahman Khan
2. Shri Rameshwar Thakur
3. Shri Satchidananda
4. Shri John F. Fernandes
5. Shri Sudhir Ranjan Majumdar
6. Shri G. Prathapa Reddy
7. Shri Sunder Singh Bhandari
8. Shri Raghavji
9. Dr. Gopalrao Vithalrao Patil
10. Shri Gurudas Das Gupta
11. Shri Dipankar Mukherjee
12. Shri V. Rajan Chellappa
13. Shri Prabhat Kumar Samantray
14. Shri Nagmani
15. Shri Satya Prakash Malaviya

and hon. Shri K. Rahman Khan as the Chairman of the said Committee.

In order to constitute a meeting of the Committee, the quorum shall be one-third of the total number of Members of the Committee.

In all other respects, the Rules of Procedure of this House relating to a Select Committee shall apply with such variations and modifications as I may make.

The Committee shall make a report to this House by the last day of the One Hundred and Seventy Sixth Session.

Thank you.